



# tattersalls

newsletter **may 2003**



## Ocean Swim Successes

Ocean swimming goes from strength to strength, with Tattersall's swimmers performing strongly against talented competition.

In the tough South Head Roughwater swim, the Tattersall's team finished first breaking their own record. In the Coogee to Bondi event, Simon Storry finished 4th, Peter Thiel 5th, Richard Jagger 9th and Alex Pope 10th. Then at Byron Bay, Peter Thiel came 6th, Richard Jagger 9th and Alex Pope 10th.

The boys are now in training for Maui. See inside for the full swim reports and the full story of our South Head triumph.

The Tattersall's Byron Bay team is pictured above. Left to right - Phil Reichelt, Michael Gallagher, Brendan Maher, David Kemp, Richard Jagger, Peter Thiel, Luke Morgan. Front row - Mark Roufeil.



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# from the chairman

Being a member of Tattersall's Club means that you are a custodian of the character and traditions of a great institution that has stood the test of time. And in time, we have an obligation to hand on the Club to future generations who will treasure it as we do.

I would like to extend a special invitation therefore to our new, and especially our younger, members to join us at the Past & Present Luncheon that follows immediately after the Annual General Meeting at 12 noon on Thursday, 29 May. The luncheon is unlike many of the other functions we hold in the Club in that it is an occasion for members to celebrate our unique fraternity in the company of members who span generations in the life of the Club. No corporate entertaining, with its outsiders and the usual fine dining, is allowed to distract us from the task. Best of all, for some, the lunch is complementary to members this year.

During the lunch, we shall be announcing the winner of the Tattersall's Sportsman of the Year from nominations received from our sporting sub-groups. As well, a highlight of the lunch will be the tales and nostalgia from three prominent and long-standing members, Peter Twigg, Max Sernack and Bas Phillips. I can guarantee that you will learn something special from these characters who are as well-known for their love of Tattersall's Club as they are for their gift of the gab.

The AGM is rarely a dreary affair incidentally. Many members attend to put a point of view or to question the Committee on some aspect of the Club which is nearly always of interest to all members. The promise of a drink and an excellent lunch to follow usually empowers the Chairman to keep the meeting to a tight schedule.

We will be asked to vote on a Notice of Motion to amend the Rules at this year's meeting. Details are elsewhere in the Newsletter and on the Club noticeboards. I would urge members to support the resolution which is designed to permit the Club to take advantage of offers of goods and services from a committeeman where it is beneficial to the Club to do so and where the interests of the committeeman have been fully disclosed to and approved by the Committee. Adoption of the amendment will bring the Club into line with the law applying

to public companies (except that even then, the committeeman will not be able to vote).

I have very much enjoyed receiving the emails from the Athletic Department recently. Brad and his team are offering some very well tailored deals to all members at the moment, not just the serious athletes amongst us. Older members in particular will enjoy getting involved in regular exercise that will give you that edge to enjoy the good things in life to the full, while remaining in the peak of condition. No excuse either for the stress-buckets and more portly of our members either! There is something special for you too and, so I am told, Brad will guarantee results in the first encounter. Get involved!

My table at the Michael Bevan lunch early this month included two Olympians (one a gold medallist), a former Wallaby centre of great renown – as well as Michael Bevan, recognised by most as the world's greatest one day cricketer. Chris Fydler and Scott Miller were the Olympic swimmers and Jason Little, the Wallaby. Chris and Jason are members of Tattersall's Club and Michael Bevan was made an honorary member on the day.

It was another excellent sporting lunch and Michael Bevan, urged on by our own committeeman Andrew Coorey as MC, joined the long list of top sportsmen who have shared with us the private and personal side of their character and their success. These sporting lunches are simply the best occasions and are not to be missed. If you have the stamina, you can carry on well into the evening as many of us did in the members' bar later.

I'll see you at the AGM and the Past & Present Luncheon ...

**Russell Debney**

*Chairman*





## secretary's report

With the advent of Autumn the club is gearing up for the AGM and Black Tie Boxing.

I would like to remind the members that the Annual General Meeting is on the 29th May starting at 12 noon, this will be followed by the Past & Present Lunch. I would encourage members to make a reservation for this most important Lunch.

With the advent of new technology our ability to communicate has been greatly enhanced, the administration department at Tattersalls is presently trying to update our members records with current addresses, phone numbers and more importantly email address, if you would like to contact Paula in the office with your email address or any other changes it would be greatly appreciated.

We are still finalising Club events for the Rugby World Cup later in the year, as soon as they have been finalised all members will be advised of the schedule.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Andrew Thompson the Club's new Financial Controller, Andrew brings a wealth of experience to the position and has settled right into Club life.

**Mark Bartrop**

*Secretary*

## REMEMBER

### to encourage new members!

The new membership structure means there will be no lump sum joining fee. Instead, new members are debited \$100 per month for 12 months. (Under 30s fee: \$50) to be credited against purchases in the Brasserie/bar, or by attending a Members function. So, if a new member spends \$100 in the club each month for twelve months, the joining fee becomes nil.

#### PROPOSE THREE MEMBERS AND THE DRINKS ARE ON THE HOUSE

Members who propose three new members in the next six months will receive a complimentary bottle of Penfolds 389 for Lunch or Dinner in the Brasserie.

Is this a bribe? You bet it is. We've made it easy for your friends to join, so introduce us!

## tattersalls into the year 2003 calendar of events

### may

29th Annual General Meeting

29th Lunch for Past & Present members

### june

13th Black Tie boxing

27th Young Members Night

### tattersall's club

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#### Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

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7 am - 3.30 pm | Monday, Tuesday & Friday

(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm | Wednesday & Thursday

#### Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm | Monday to Wednesday

Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

#### Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday



## Notice of Meeting

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TATTERSALL'S CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Tattersall's Club will be held on Thursday 29 May 2003 12 noon in the level 3 dining room

**M B Bartrop**  
SECRETARY  
April 9, 2003

The 2003 Past and Present Luncheon will be held at the conclusion of the AGM. Please make your reservation with the Tattersall's office.

## Notice of Motion

**I intend to move the following resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 29 May 2003:**

THAT Rule 41 of the Rules of Tattersall's Club be amended to read:  
**41.**

- (a) No Member, either of the Club or the Committee, shall be a paid official of the Club.
- (b) A Member of the Committee who has a material personal interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Club must give the Committee notice of the interest. The notice of the interest must give details of the nature and extent of the interest and its relation to the affairs of the Club and must be given to the Committee at a meeting of the Committee as soon as practicable after the Member of the Committee becomes aware of their interest in the matter.
- (c) A Member of the Committee who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a Committee meeting must not be present while the matter is being considered at the meeting nor vote on the matter unless the following sub-clause (d) applies.
- (d) The Member of the Committee who has a material personal interest in a matter being considered at a Committee meeting may be present, but may not vote, if the Members of the Committee who do not have a material personal interest in the matter have passed a resolution that identifies the Member of the Committee, the nature and extent of his interest in the matter and its relation to the affairs of the Club and also states that those Members of the Committee are satisfied that the interest should not disqualify the Member of the Committee from being present.

Dated the 24th day of April 2003

**Russell Debney**  
Proposer

**Peter Werner**  
Seconder

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 41

The Rules of the Club (Rule 41) provide that no member of the Committee can be pecuniarily interested in any contract made on behalf of the Club. The exceptions which refer to shareholders, also refer to a form of corporate entity long since replaced by others under successive corporations law changes since Rules were made.

To remove any doubt as to the position, and to bring the Club into line with the highest corporate governance standards that apply to public companies, it is proposed that we change the Rules to permit the Club to engage the services of committeemen where appropriate and in the best interests of the Club.

By its very nature, Tattersalls Club is an institution that attracts to its committee businessmen and professionals with wide and valuable commercial interests and contacts. Recent committees have included bankers, lawyers, accountants, public relations consultants, executive recruitment consultants, hospitality managers, corporate communications consultants, property consultants and more. In every case, the services of these people in committee are made available free of any charge to the Club. From time to time, however, the Club needs to formally engage these sorts of commercial or professional services.

In most cases, it is and will be prudent to engage the services of independent contractors as we currently do with our lawyers and our accountants, for example. On other occasions, the Committee may decide that the best interests of the Club are served by taking advantage of the special experience and expertise of a member of the Committee in circumstances that often will include a significant reduction in cost to the Club. The rule change is intended to allow that.

Paragraph (a) of the proposed new Rule 41 is taken directly from the old rule. Paragraphs (b) and (d) employ substantially the same scheme and wording as Sections 191 and 195 of the Corporations Law with one important exception. The statutory provisions which apply to public companies also permit a director of a public company to vote at, as well as to attend, a meeting on a matter in which he has an interest, where the directors pass a resolution permitting that. The proposed rule change will permit a Member of the Committee with a material interest to attend meetings where the remainder of the Committee agree, but will not permit him to vote.

Should the resolution be passed at the Annual General Meeting, a further meeting will be called in accordance with the Tattersalls Club Act to confirm the change.

To: The Secretary  
Tattersalls Club  
181 Elizabeth Street, Sydney



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*Peter Vertoudakis, Lex Bremner, Peter Cronin  
and Arthur King*



*Russell Debney congratulates Bill Thompson*

## THIS IS ABOUT CASHMERE: GO MAD AND WEAR IT.

Cashmere is an utter extravagance. It's unbelievably soft/warm. It grows between the hairs of certain wild goats in places like Inner Mongolia where it's seriously cold. You don't shear the goats. You comb the cashmere out ... carefully. It costs the earth. Vince M. loves it.

You can have the ultimate sports coat (Brioni, ex Rome) in one hundred percent cashmere. Flecked brown like dark tobacco and like \$5,500. Go really mad. Under the jacket, add a wool/silk/cashmere polo shirt of almost tissue-paper fineness. You wear it straight over the skin. \$550. Another good thing to do with this shirt is to wear it under Zegna's super-soft, super-fine chocolate suede jacket. It's so right, so calming, you don't notice the \$2,400.

Honest.



Vince Maloney On-The-Park  
Next door to Tattersall's ph. 9264 8837



## News from the AD

Yet again participation numbers are on the rise. Clearly exercise continuity is improving and we have a fitter and healthier member base and the month of May poses to be our biggest yet. In the quest for offering members greater training alternatives, we have launched a new class called Functional Fitness and I have detailed physiological concepts behind the class. Please give yourself the opportunity of at least trialing one class and your body will not be disappointed.

Functional Fitness summarises the new lifestyle approach the AD has taken. As sports and exercise science has progressed, we have discovered that the old school of 'training till you puke' is far from appropriate. The concept behind all our classes and individual programming is based around providing health benefits that will physiologically and psychologically improve your lifestyle. It is important to consider participants heart rates and provide strength training that will support your functional lifestyle. Yes, we all want to look good, but your health is of a higher priority. The heart muscles are #1 followed by the biceps.

The first two weeks of the month you have the opportunity to undertake a 5 minute health appraisal where we will graph your current position and set goals for the future. We will simply be assessing blood pressure, resting heart rate, hip to waist ratio and core weight. It will be dated and recorded and be retested in another 16 weeks.

Last month I mentioned that Matt Dunn would start as swim coach. Unfortunately Matt is in hospital with a strain of Ross River Fever. Fingers crossed Matt will be on deck ASAP. Alternatively, I am searching for an interim replacement. Be prepared for some guest appearances. No, not Peter Thiel!

Interest in the Tour de Canberra has been overwhelming and currently stands at 10 and growing at a rate of knots. Again, I stress this 3 day tour is not a hard training session, or, particularly a race. It is however, an opportunity for gents to get away with a common interest in cycling and provides a fantastic goal to

maintaining your exercise continuity throughout the winter months. If you would like to be included on a group 'Cycling Tour' e-mail list, please let me know.

## This month:

### 1. Guaranteed Results Program

You will find this months program to be both challenging and entertaining. Please ask a staff member for assistance.

### 2. New Class 'Functional Fitness'

Please try this class at least once!

### 3. New Class - Triathlon

7.00am Thursday - Try this reverse triathlon style class. 18 minutes of cardio followed by 18 minutes of spinning, concluding with 12 minutes of swimming drills. Great fun and importantly something different!!!!

### 4. New Class Relaxation Session

Only on at night, this class is perfect for those big challenging days. An instructor will coordinate 30 minutes of low intensity cardio training, followed by 15 minutes of stretching, concluding with 10 minutes of either the spa, steam room or sauna. We will also encourage you to use our in-house Massage service. All to classical music!!!

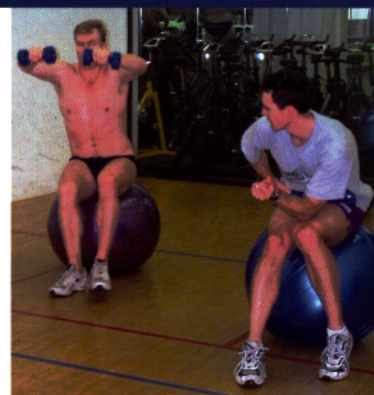
### 5. Health Appraisal Month

Please make sure you take the time (5 minutes) to have your criticals tested by our staff.

Once again please do not hesitate to contact me with suggestions for the future.

### Have a healthy month

Brad Pamp - AD Manager



Michael Dawson in training





Functional Fitness Classes



Brad Kermond at work in the A.D

# Functional Fitness

New to the AD. From Brad Pamp.

## What is Functional Fitness?

Functional fitness is a training philosophy that is appropriate for most of the population. Certainly most Tattersalls's Members will benefit greatly by participating in structured classes. Functional Fitness is performed in a class environment led by an instructor. With the use of swiss balls, balance discs and light manageable dumbbells, life style simulated movements are encouraged. Classes will run for 50 minutes and will produce outstanding physiological results. Improvements in coordination, balance and proprioception, together with skill and movement mastery will evolve from participation. This is the ultimate in collective training. The concept behind Functional Fitness is to recruit greater body participation than traditional strength training. Functional Fitness focuses heavily on the collective nervous system as opposed to traditional strength training methods. Functional Fitness is appropriate training for all fitness levels and ages.

## What is Traditional Strength Training?

Most methods of strength training are performed to evoke structural changes in the body, or to improve exercise specific strength. Structural changes usually include hypertrophy (increase in muscle size), or hypotrophy (reduction in body size). Generally speaking most exercises are performed in a defined path of movement and isolate desired body parts.

## Benefits of Traditional Strength Training

Results can include:

### Structural Improvements

- Increased muscle mass
- Decreased body fat
- Increased body density

### Health Improvements

- Lower blood cholesterol levels
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce risk of osteoporosis

### Performance Improvements

- Increase isolative/movement specific strength (bench press, squat, bicep curl)
- Isolative movement technique mastery

## What is Functional Training?

*'Movements relating specifically to the demands of life'*

**Goal:** To improve sport performance, slow aging process, prehabilitation, re-conditioning, motor programming.

**Physiological results:** Improved balance, stability of all movements, coordination and proprioception (concerning movements and position of the body in space- nerve sensory related)

Functional training does not usually result in specific muscle fatigue or failure. Given that the emphasis is on functional movement patterns, the nervous system is taxed, consequently will be the more likely fatigued body system. Fatigue is therefore central not local. Functional training asks more from muscles and their tendons, ligaments, joint capsules, nerves, bones collectively than traditional strength training options.

The word function is defined as the action for which something is particularly fitted and functional as designed or adapted to a particular purpose. Functional training will therefore provide with the tools to live life more productively and safely.

## How Does a Class Operate!

We will be using swiss balls, dura discs and light dumbbells. All movements are progressive and alternative conservative options can be selected for each exercise. From lying on swiss balls whilst performing a dumbbell chest press to standing on a dura disc performing dumbbell upright rows into a shoulder press. Each class will be different and challenging. I guarantee noticeable physiological results from the first class. Results of course are cumulative. More you come the more benefit you shall receive.

## Check it out, what have you got to lose?

This method of strength training will lead the market over the next decade. From aged participants to elite athletes this concept will be the foundation for all strength training protocols. Above all it is entertaining! Performing these exercises in a group is generally acknowledged as being more motivating than training alone.

**See you there!**



Tattersall's golfers continue to gather periodically for good competition on quality and, occasionally, premium courses. However, 2003 got off to a shaky start owing to absence and work commitments on the part of the hon. convenors.

Our objective is to play 4 games per year on a selection of courses at reasonable cost. Your hon convenors believe that the annual trophy event should be played on the best available course, which may be more expensive. We would appreciate members' views on that approach. So guys, just how elastic is the green fee?

We now have a program for the year. Confirmatory details will be advised to the Tatts Golf email list held by the hon convenors. Please ensure you are on the list by emailing John Tierney or Jock Murray as follows:  
**jwt@spin.net** or **jock@jsmurray.com.au**

## Program

**27 May** - St. Michael's, Little Bay.

Tee from 12 Noon. 32 places available

**August** - Date and course TBA. Regular event. 40 places available

**November** - Date TBA. New South Wales (tbc). Annual Tattersall's Trophy. Plenty of places.

### Team fore Golf.

Don't forget to check the details on Team Fore Golf, available through the Office.

**John Tierney**

**Jock Murray**



Every year it's a great way to usher in the winter and the 8th of May's Snooker Calcutta dinner and auction was right up there again.

Under the felicitous guidance of MC, Greg Mizon, snooker tragics enjoyed excellent tucker, watered down with the curiously labelled, but excellent, Lindrum wines.

The presentation of last year's prizes started the ball rolling with suitably modest acceptance speeches being made by great players - Eddie Charlton, Glen Wilkinson, Roger Farebrother and a host of others.

The affable John Stewart who seems to turn into Abraham Lincoln whenever confronted by a microphone, delivered a stirring plea for unity in the club, puzzling those present who didn't know we were divided.

Then on to the auction. Members, most now on their third bottle of Lindrum,

proved no match for the tempting guile of the auctioneer and more than \$50,000.00 was raised in prize money.

Thank to everyone who worked hard to make the auction evening an excellent one.

The Calcutta draw has now been made and posted in the room. Members are requested to contact their opponent and tee up their game with Joe Minici as soon as possible.

**Good luck to all 2003 Calcutta participants.**

**CHALKY**



*Rod Morton collecting the winners prize from the Calcutta*



*Joe Minici, Bob Sanders & Robert Farrell at the Snooker Calcutta Dinner*





Andrew Torok calls the results

Month 3 saw Greg McMahon successful in the 50 metres point score, with Brendan Maher winning the 100 metre Clock Hotel Award for this month.

The Club welcomed two new swimmers. Richard Wolf, a "wolf in sheep's clothing" judging by his improving times. Matthew Curr, who swam a very credible 30 seconds for 50 metres, after losing his goggles and having an ordinary dive.

Greg McMahon and Brendan Maher continue to impress and have caught the eyes of the handicappers! Richard McGrath is also on an upward curve.

Brace Relays were conducted on 18 March 2003 and 29 April 2003 and proved popular as ever. Great way to get to know fellow swimmers, just ask Cesar and "Jim Forest Berry".

The Swimming Club sends "Get Well Soon" wishes to John Greaves who claims to have broken bones and torn a tendon diving under big waves at Bondi. Rumour is that the damage was more self-inflicted.

The first indication of this years Calcutta came in a "practice" of the starting format, utilising our touch pads. There are a few who need to curb their enthusiasm or they will be out early. Wait for the buzzer! Not "GO".

The "Maui 2003" trip is being conducted in conjunction with the Australian Professional Indemnity Seminar from 26 August 2003 to 29 August 2003. All interested please contact Mick Gillis as soon as possible.

Mick has quotes of \$1,500.00 accommodation and \$1,088 travel and all transfers, leaving 26 August 2003 and returning Wednesday 3 September 2003. As always, it will be a great trip! Help the planning by letting Mick know.

Members should show their support for our sponsors and in particular, the Clock Hotel at 470 Crown Street, Surry Hills and the services Manchester Unity offer.

### Results of month 3 (April) swimming were:

#### Tattersalls Gift Voucher 50m Award

1. Greg McMahon	36
2. Brendan Maher	30
3. Jim Berry	25}
Peter Thiel	25}

#### Clock Tower 100m Award

1. Brendan Maher	26}
Richard McGrath	26}
3. Tom Nolan	25
4. Mark Roufeil	24

#### YTD - End month 4 - 50 m

1. Greg McMahon	96
2. Peter Gibson	67
3. Brendan Maher	65}
Andrew Torok	65}
Gary Wilson	65}

#### YTD - End month 4 - 100m

1. Brendan Maher	69
2. Greg McMahon	64
3. Cesar Puertolas	57.5

#### Swimmer of the Month - Month 3 Manchester Unity Award

Committee's choice - Mark Roufeil

#### Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy

1. Anthony Powter	24
2. Andrew Torok	23
3. John McCosker	21

#### AUSSI Masters National Titles - 23-26 April 2003

Chris Young (40-44yr)	50m Backstroke	2nd
	100m Backstroke	3rd
	200m Backstroke	3rd
John Harvey (40-44yr) (not Tatts entry)	50m Freestyle	1st
	100m Freestyle	1st
	200m Freestyle	1st
	400m Freestyle	1st



On Sunday 23 March 2003 on a grey blustering overcast morning with a solid S-E swell running the Tatts No. 1 Ocean Swim team of Peter Thiel, Shaun Clyne, Simon Storry, and Callum MacLeod set out to defend their South Head Roughwater Swim title from 2002.

Against much stronger competition this year with a total of 21 teams starting from Bondi (but not all finishing!), the Tatts boys again triumphed in a time of 2hrs.16min to lower their own race record.

Peter Thiel came out from Bondi strongly in the big swell and after turning around Ben Buckler had the team well placed in the leading group. Shaun then swam a strong opening leg and by the time he handed over to Simon (fresh from his Rottnest Island solo swim) the team had established a handy lead. In jumped "the pocket rocket" and Callum swimming in the heavy chop under the cliff face put further distance on the following teams. Thereafter it was a procession with each swimmer in his turn increasing the lead ever so slightly until the margin at the finish was a couple of hundred metres and 4 minutes.

Callum once again drew the "Shark Alley" swim around South Head but this time was able to share the experience with Peter as their changeover was virtually right on the point. Turning for home just inside the Harbour, Shaun swam a particularly strong leg and when all four of them jumped in at the final buoy (as tradition demands) Simon put added pressure on his teammates by leading the sprint home to the finishing line at the Vaucluse Yacht Club.

The team is again particularly indebted for the support provided by City Living and Bruce and Mieke Fallshaw. Bruce's skippering of the boat in the tough conditions was masterful and provided great reassurance for the swimmers in the water.

The remainder of the boat crew comprised John Konrads (tactician/ timekeeper), Mikki Konrads/ Christine Puertolas/ Pam Glover (catering team), Cesar Puertolas (layabout), and balanced on the transom at the stern the Glover brothers, Ken and Rick, were

lethal in retrieving spent swimmers after each changeover.

This event will only become bigger each year and the competition will get stronger. However, Peter, Shaun, Simon and Callum are ready to again defend their title in 2004 in the finest traditions of Tattersalls.

(Mention needs finally to be made that this event is not for the fainthearted. One of the swimmers in another team was circled by a shark during the race and had to be pulled out of the water!).

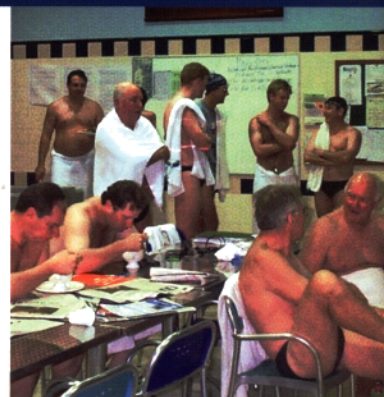
## Tattersalls Sportsman of the year finalists

<b>Nomination</b> Bob Sanders	<b>Sport</b> Golf
<b>Nomination</b> Mark Roufeil	<b>Sport</b> Skiing
<b>Nomination</b> Simon Storry	<b>Sport</b> Swimming
<b>Nomination</b> Mark Preston	<b>Sport</b> AD
<b>Nomination</b> Peter Twigg	<b>Sport</b> Snooker
<b>Nomination</b> Roger Farebrother	<b>Sport</b> Snooker
<b>Nomination</b> Mike Ivancenko	<b>Sport</b> Fly Fishing



**CHAIRMAN'S  
SHOUT**

Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar



Tuesday swimming races



Michael serves lunch by the pool



# travel



Experience the glorious Tahitian beaches

## A Pearl in the Ocean

**Luxury at sea. Islands in the sun.**

My husband Ray Whitten and I spent Easter in Tahiti. We flew to Tahiti on Air New Zealand (8 hours economy) and spent one night in Papeete before embarking on the luxurious Windstar. The ship only carries 148 passengers. A great week was spent covering the glorious Tahitian islands such as Bora Bora, Moorea, Huahine and Raiatea. Each day there were opportunities for snorkelling, scuba diving or simply looking for Tahitian black pearls (not in the water). It is a great way to see the islands without incurring the expensive costs of Tahiti resorts. You have a full day in each of the islands. Hence we visited the Sheraton Hotel Moorea, which had the best snorkelling, the Hotel Bora Bora (an Aman

property) and the new Sheraton Bora Bora, a Member of the Luxury Collection.

In Papeete we had a look at the Intercontinental and the Sheraton (much closer to town). This was easy to organise as Windstar had arrangements for their guests to use facilities of certain hotels. Snorkelling gear is available for the week.

**When anchored, the sports platform was opened and there appeared kayaks, banana boats, windsurfers, water-skiing.**

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We talk to Jason Little

## Wallaby legend. Now, property development manager.



### Where were you brought up?

Dalby in Western Queensland. My parents still have the farm.

### Where were you educated?

At the local primary school. There were 30-40 kids in the whole school.

Then boarded at Toowoomba Grammar School for five years.

### When did you start playing rugby?

I played league at 8 or 9. I went to rugby when I went to boarding school.

Scholastically, I was above average, I guess but I didn't apply myself, being a school of farmer's sons, sport was high priority.

### Did you find it difficult to change codes?

I didn't know what I was doing - I just had to remember to let go of the ball.

### Were you a rugby prodigy at school?

I didn't really excel, I wanted to be a professional cricketer and went to Brisbane at seventeen to play - I'd played against John Eales and Tim Horan, both reasonable cricketers. Tim Horan was playing rugby and said "Why don't you come and have a run?" That went quite well and I didn't play cricket after that.

I played two Colts games and by the third I was playing A grade for Souths. Tim also played for Souths and Ealsie for Brothers.

### How did you join the Wallabies?

When I was eighteen, I was selected for the Queensland Senior Tour to Argentina. Then Bob Dwyer picked me from nowhere at the end of the next year for the Wallaby tour to Canada and France. At the same time he picked Phil Kearns, Tim Horan, Tony Daly, Ewan McKenzie. I started on the wing and then moved to the centres with Tim as my partner. I was fortunate to be playing outside someone with as much talent - we had started playing league together in the bush when we were eleven years old.

### What was the best team you've ever played in?

That's a hard one. The '91 team had the quality names: Farr-Jones, Lynagh, Campese, Poidevin, Tim - fantastic players. But the best team would probably be Rod MacQueen's era when they were consistently winning Bledisloe Cups, Tri-nations and the World Cup. The try Matthew Burke scored in Christchurch to win the Bledisloe Cup after about 22 phases showed what a team they were.

### Do any players stand out?

Campo for sheer brilliance - the confidence to try things that no-one else could attempt. For all-round ability, Tim Horan, the most mentally tough player. In the '99 World Cup semi-final in South Africa he was so sick he couldn't keep anything down and spent three days in bed but he played and won 'Man of the Match'. It was phenomenal.

### What about coaches?

John Connolly in Queensland brought discipline and a mental toughness.

Bob Dwyer was head and shoulders above anyone else at the time in his understanding of where the game was going.

Rod McQueen laid out the framework for Australian Rugby, shifting from an unpaid amateur team to a professional organisation.

### How do you feel about the League imports?

Wendell Sailor is going really well. I was sceptical at first, but he's proved everyone wrong, his enthusiasm and ability to learn has been great. Mat Rogers was a find, Lote Tuqiri's a brilliant talent.

### Were you ever tempted by Rugby League?

Tempted, but not serious. I loved rugby too much and everything about it. It caters for so many different kinds of people from the four foot wide prop to the seven foot second rower and the personalities that come with that make it so special.

### Why did you retire from the game?

By my 30th birthday and after six operations on my left leg, I couldn't physically do it anymore.

### What has followed your rugby career?

Brigitte and I married after the World Cup in '99 and we have a nine month old son.

I work as a property development manager for Grant Samuel Property who manage a number of development funds.

### Last question. Who's going to win the World Cup?

I'm very nervous about England. New Zealand are the other ones. France could be a wild card and South Africa are struggling. We have some young players who are showing great ability. But a lot will happen between now and the World Cup.